

**Chalica @UCC** – is a celebration that lifts up our core UU values, one each week for six weeks. In the seventh week we bring it all together with our value of Liberating Love the center of all our values.

There are kits available for anyone at UCC with candles for each week.

Each week this resource will be updated with print copies at UCC, on the website, and in a special edition of our weekly Family Ministry Newsletter.

## Week Five – Generosity

This fifth week of Chalica, we lift up our value of GENEROSITY, through which we cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope. We covenant to freely and compassionately share our faith, presence, and resources. Our generosity connects us to one another in relationships of interdependence and mutuality.



### Chalica Lighting - Green Candle

Are we a people of holding on or of letting go?  
Holding on to rigid ideas or  
Letting go and opening our minds and our hearts, to something new;  
Holding on to certainty of how things should be or  
Letting go and living with the uncertainty of new ways of being in the world;  
Holding on to what makes us comfortable or  
Letting go so we may grow which can be uncomfortable;  
Holding on to what makes us safe or  
Letting go to make room to help others feel safe?  
With this flame, this symbol of our religion,  
let it be a symbol of burning up the ties that hold us back from being our true self and reaching our true potential;  
let it be a symbol of lighting a new way for us into a better tomorrow;  
and let it be a symbol of letting go  
Because holding on too long and too tightly is never good for the soul.  
*by Jay Wolin*

### UU Hymn:

Hymn #346, [\*Come Sing a Song with Me\*](#), has the following lyric:

Come, sing a song with me,  
come, sing a song with me,  
come, sing a song with me,  
that I might know your mind.

#### *Chorus*

*And I'll bring you hope  
when hope is hard to find,  
and I'll bring a song of love  
and a rose in the wintertime.*

Come, dream a dream with me,  
come, dream a dream with me,  
come, dream a dream with me,  
that I might know your mind.

#### *(Chorus)*

Come, walk in rain with me,  
come, walk in rain with me,  
come, walk in rain with me,  
that I might know your mind.

#### *(Chorus)*

Come, share a rose with me,  
come, share a rose with me,  
come, share a rose with me,  
that I might know your mind.

#### *(Chorus)*

## “When Giving is All We Have”

from *A Small Story About the Sky* by Alberto Ríos.

*One river gives  
Its journey to the next.*

We give because someone gave to us.  
We give because nobody gave to us.

We give because giving has changed us.  
We give because giving could have changed us.

We have been better for it,  
We have been wounded by it –

Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,  
Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.

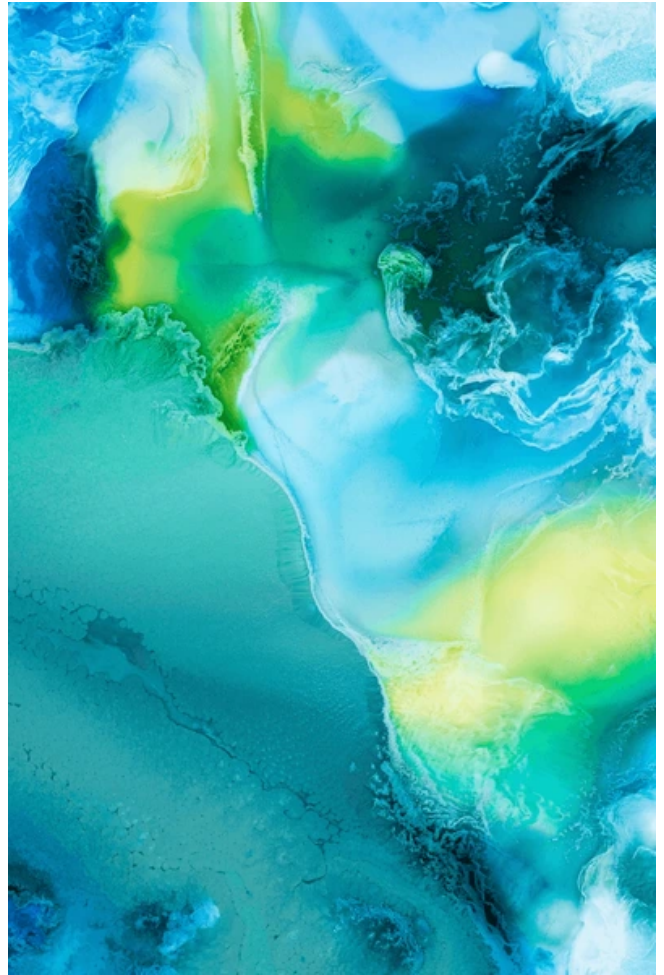
Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too,  
But we read this book, anyway, over and again:

Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,  
Mine to yours, yours to mine.

You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.  
Together we are simple green. You gave me

What you did not have, and I gave you  
What I had to give – together, we made

Something greater from the difference.



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### Exploring Generosity as a Family - “You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.”

Our exploration this week is grounded in the poem above, *When Giving is All We Have*. Taking time over the week to explore our value of generosity through this poem with children and adults can create a beautiful conversation with a deeper, shared understanding of what generosity means to us.

This resource offers

- Simple conversation prompts for families,
- A simple, simple demonstration to do together,
- A family generosity book to do together.

## Demonstration: Blue + Yellow = Green

**Materials:** three clear glasses, blue and yellow food colouring, paper towels, water

Add a few drops of blue food colouring to one glass of water, and a few drops of yellow food colouring to another glass of water. Leave the third glass dry and empty.



Hold up the cup of yellow water.

"This is one person's gift. Let's say my gift" — Name a gift you might give, kindness, time, or help.

Hold up the cup of blue water.

"This is someone else's gift. How about your gift. What would it be?" — their ideas, care, or presence.

Take some paper towel, write the gift or gifts on it, roll it up, and stick one end in the blue water, and the other end in the dry, empty glass. Then we did the same thing using the yellow glass of water and the empty glass.

"What do you think will happen?" Check back over the next few hours. What happened?

"When we bring our gifts together, something new appears... something neither one could create alone."

Just like in the poem, when we give to each other, we make "green" together.

*You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.  
Together we are simple green. You gave me*

*What you did not have, and I gave you  
What I had to give – together, we made*

*Something greater from the difference.*



**What happens when we mix our real gifts together, not just colors?**

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## More Wondering Prompts for the Week

*Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,  
Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.*

- What is a quiet kind of giving? A loud kind?
- What is a small gift that can make a big difference?

*We give because giving has changed us.  
We give because giving could have changed us.*

- Has giving ever changed you? How?
- Did you ever wish you would have given something when you didn't?
- What can you do next time



## Family Activity: Making Green Together – A Handprint Book

### Materials:

- One large sheet of paper (11×17) or two sheets taped together
- Blue and yellow crayons or colored pencils
- One sheet of paper per person for journaling
- Tape, stapler, or yarn for binding

### The Cover Page – Our Hands Make Green

- Place your large sheet of paper on the table.
- Each person chooses **blue or yellow**.
- Each person traces one hand on the large page in their chosen color.
- Overlap the hand outlines so that blue and yellow areas meet.
- Color lightly to allow a **green** area to appear where the colors overlap.
- Fold in half to make a book.
- Add a title to the front:
  - *“Blue + Yellow = Green: Our Family’s Giving Book”* or
  - *“When Giving Is All We Have: A Family Project”*

### The Four Faces of Giving – Personal Journal Pages

Each person receives one sheet of paper.

Fold into four squares or draw a 4-box grid. Label the boxes:

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| • Loud Giving  | • Big Giving   |
| • Quiet Giving | • Small Giving |

Throughout the week—after dinner, before bed, or anytime—take a few minutes to draw or write examples of each in a box.

At the end of the week staple them all together in the book. During the process of when putting them together see how your gifts can help each other or support one another's gifts.

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### Generosity in Action

Look for moments when you can:

- Offer a kind word to someone who needs it.
- Help with a task before being asked.
- Share something you know how to do.
- Notice someone else’s generosity—and say thank you.

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***May this week help us see how giving connects us, colors our lives,***